[Mr. R. Rama Varier.]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

28. An examination of the present pendency of suits in the Law courts has brought home to Government the possibility of a reduction in the number of the existing temporary courts. Accordingly it is proposed to abolish two temporary Second Judges' courts, one at Trivandrum and the other at Quilon. The possibility of the abolition, in due course, of the remaining temporary courts also will be considered in the light of the effects of the Debt Relief Act on litigation.

Provision has also been made in the next year's budget for a more comprehensive issue of the authorised Law Reports on the model of the British Indian Law Reports. The reporting work is proposed to be assigned to a Committee consisting of an Editor, a Chief Reporter and another Reporter under the control of a Council, consisting of the Chief Justice as the President, a Judge of the High Court, the Advocate-General and a senior advocate as members.

POLICE.

29. The extra police force appointed in connection with the spread of subversive political activities in the State has been reduced in strength in view of the restoration of normal conditions. A part of the force is however being retained on account of the detachment of the First and Second Infantry of the State Forces and the probable detachment in the near future of the Third Infantry also, for war service, and also to cope with sudden emergencies that may arise.

EDUCATION.

30. Education being one of the primary duties of the State, a liberal provision of Rs 51·5 lakhs which is in excess of the revised estimates for the current year by Rs 1·69 lakhs, has been included in the next year's budget for the purpose. While speaking on the Education budget, the House would naturally expect me to say something about the development of the Travancore University. I must make special mention of the activities of the University in the direction of research.

Manufacture of Salt.—As a result of laboratory experiments conducted in the University Research Laboratory, it has been found that considerable improvements in the quality of salt could be effected without increasing the cost of production. Experiments have also been made on a large scale and the process is being adopted by the manufacturers.

Fuel Oil.—The possibility of producing high-speed diesel oil from the cheaper crude oil has been established as a result of the research work of the University. The House will appreciate that this is of much more than a purely academical interest, in view of its vital influence on our commercial schemes, especially the State Transport scheme. As the members are already aware, the ever increasing cost of propulsion consequent on the rise in the price of petrol as a result of the war

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